

STILL UNCERTAIN ABOUT WESTLERS

Manager Moffett Has Not Notified Local Men Accepting Terms for Show to Be Given by Hackenschmidt, Zbysko, Mahmoud, Roller, Westergarde and Others.

Fans Anxious.

Arrangements have not yet been completed for the appearance of Geo. Hackenschmidt at the Academy of Music. For some reason Manager Moffett has not communicated with the men interested. However, it is thought that some definite information will be forthcoming in a short while.

Should Hackenschmidt come to Richmond it is more than likely that he will have as his opponent on the mat either Mahmoud, the Turk, or Dr. Roller. Such an exhibition would undoubtedly prove an attraction to the local fans.

Other proposed matches are Westergarde against Americus, of Baltimore, and Mahmoud with Zbysko. Expressions of opinion among local sports men to the effect that such an exhibition as proposed would be warmly welcomed and would do much towards re-establishing the wrestling game upon a firm and sure basis.

No Chance for Fake.

It has occurred so often that the various bouts advertised and which took place, turned out to be farces, and simply a method to get hold of some easy money, that many who willingly attended these farces became disgusted and are now bitter against the game.

However, in purely exhibition matches the question of crookedness is eliminated. There are no prizes to be awarded, no side bets put up and no championship to be fought for. It is simply that the men place themselves

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brick, loose-jointed, loose-hipped and loose-spirited, is one of the cleverest comedians to-day, and is in a class by himself when it comes to singing comic songs. In the class of comedians, however, has some new imitations. Our favorites in the cast are Cheridiah Simpson, Dorothy Maynard, Fred Stantley, Carick Major, Jessie Crawford, Madison Smith, Lester Crawford and "Some Girls."

CLEVERLY RIDDEN, DONAU WINS RACE

Takes Feature Event by a Neck From Guy Fisher, Favorite.

Jacksonville, Fla., January 10.—Donau, cleverly ridden by Butwell, won the feature of to-day's card at the Jacksonville Jockey Club track, defeating Guy Fisher, favorite, by a neck, with Rye Straw third, stewards last night exonerated Ovinger (6 to 10) second, and Ben Lomond (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:07 1/5.

Second race—selling, \$400; three-year-olds and up, six furlongs—Pharos (6 to 5) first, Scrimmage (even) second, Ben Lomond (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:07 1/5.

Third race—selling, \$400; three-year-olds and up, six furlongs—Pharos (6 to 5) first, Scrimmage (even) second, Ben Lomond (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:07 1/5.

Fourth race—selling, \$400; three-year-olds and up, six furlongs—Pharos (6 to 5) first, Scrimmage (even) second, Ben Lomond (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:07 1/5.

Fifth race—selling, \$400; three-year-olds and up, six furlongs—Pharos (6 to 5) first, Scrimmage (even) second, Ben Lomond (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:07 1/5.

Sixth race—selling, \$400; three-year-olds and up, six furlongs—Pharos (6 to 5) first, Scrimmage (even) second, Ben Lomond (5 to 2) third. Time, 1:07 1/5.

Shafts From Sportland

By G. MALBERT

There will be a meeting of the Virginia League, and it will be held next week. All dealers to the contrary notwithstanding, the meeting will be held.

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the formal applications of Newport News and Portsmouth for a franchise in the Virginia League.

Personally, I think it unwise to hold such a meeting. It can't possibly do any good, and may do some harm.

There is not a possibility of either of the teams getting a franchise. No team in the league has a franchise for sale, and at least four of the six cities are manifestly opposed to increasing the circuit.

Of course, I may not have as much sense as some of the men who have made money out of the game, but at the same time, it does seem to me that the matter of schedule is taken up could be more profitably spent in attempting to written out matters as relating to each individual team.

A hundred and one things must be done before the season opens. Players must be secured, policies for the coming season must be outlined, policy in general of the game must be built or remodeled, and altogether there will be a busy time for all of the men who want to make baseball a success during 1911.

For the reasons already mentioned, it appears wise to let well enough alone and give everybody an opportunity to do a little outwitting in places where the weeds have begun to grow.

I am reliably informed that the new owners of the Norfolk club are in perfect harmony with the policy of the president, and that they are not at all inclined to policy it is against the eighth club proposition.

Owner Bradley told me last night that he had received a letter from President Williams, but that because he had not been to his office during the day, due to his visit to Petersburg, he had not read what the head of the league had to say.

A letter was also received from Jimmie Sullivan. The most that the local owner had informed him that it was better and seemed to contain much information.

I also understand that President Williams never authorized the newspaper story to the effect that he had declared he would not call a meeting of the league, but that he had returned the application from Newport News with the information that it was not in proper form, and that a meeting could not be held until the application was in proper form.

By the way, Charlie Babb, who will manage Norfolk next year, is highly recommended by President Williams. Babb is a Southern League player and an excellent manager. Look out for that bunch of Tars next season.

It is impossible for me to help remarking about how necessary it is for every one to stop preening and supping and arguing. Let bygones be bygones and join the "happy club."

Also remember that the Amalgamated Order of Sports Writers in Virginia will soon be a growing organization, with a membership of about twenty-five, and that the pretty thing about it is that every member is going to be an officer.

Names Six Mares Whose Progeny Will Compete in Great Race.

New York, January 10.—Thomas Fortune Ryan appears before the racing public for the first time as a breeder in the nominations for the Futurity of 1913. He names six mares, whose progeny will compete in the great race. Ryan owns the thoroughbred stallions, Monsieur, Dolce Far Niente and Decanter. Monsieur de Lorme is a descendant of the great Hambletonian, and in race horses in the world—Doncaster. Dolce Far Niente is a son of Hanover, a near relative of the great Hambletonian. Decanter is a son of Decatur. Mr. Ryan's idea of a race horse, he has said many times, is endurance, rather than speed. He appears therefore to be departing a little from his established rule in making nominations for the Futurity, where speed is the main factor. According to Ryan principle, thoroughbreds should be able to race four miles, and repeat it, with that object in view he has been purchasing stallions and brood mares, which he thought would be able to transmit this trait to the progeny.

JACK JOHNSON WOULD BATTLE JEFF AGAIN

Colored Champion's Answer to Harney Oldfield's "Dope" Story.

Chicago, Ill., January 10.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, showed little concern yesterday when told of the stories circulated by Harney Oldfield, the automobile racer, to the effect that Jeffries was doped when he fought at Reno. According to Oldfield, Jeffries was as good as even, and the speed king asserted in a recent interview that he would be willing to wager a small fortune that Jeffries can defeat the present champion.

"I will give Jeffries a return match any time he wants it," said Johnson. "If Oldfield believes Jeffries is as good as even just let him get some club to hang up a suitable purse, and I will sign the articles. I will not ask anything unreasonable, except that I will demand a champion's end of the money. I am getting tired of these stories about Jeffries being doped, and if he thinks he is a better man than I am, I am willing to sign up for another match and show the world that Jack Johnson is the real champion."

Jack indicated by the tone of his speech that he wants to fight in the near future. He does not fear any man in the world, and believes he rules supreme in his class. To hear out his opponent is the fact that none of the promoters has been willing to hang up a suitable purse to match him with any of the present day heavyweights.

The champion is arranging to leave on an extended Western tour in the next week. He said he would be willing to meet James Cottoth, Tom McCoy or any of the other western promoters half way in their attempts to sign him up for a match. He still insists that he is going to Europe the latter part of March or the last of April.

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"Jumping Jupiter."
Richard Carle, who is the very embodiment of comedy, will appear at the Academy of Music, Wednesday, January 11, in the musical comedy, "Jumping Jupiter." The engagement is limited to three performances on Friday and Saturday. Carle's irrepressible humor is well known. He plays the part of Professor Jupiter Goodwill, an expert on dermatology, who goes to New York to see his wife, who is suffering from toothache, at home. It is the usual Carle plot in the line of his comedy. Carle's chorus girls and musical songs numbers, Miss Edith Waller, who is Carle's chief assistant and has promised to show several new gowns. Will H. Phil-

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WILL BE MARRIED TO-DAY



Frank Gotch, without doubt the greatest wrestler the world has ever known. On January 11 Gotch will marry Miss Gladys Oestrich, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Oestrich, of Humboldt, Ind. Gotch is thirty-four years old, and is worth about \$250,000, while Miss Oestrich is only twenty years old. If George Hackenschmidt insists, Gotch may wrestle him; otherwise Gotch has promised his fiancée to forsake the mat forever.

FIRST WITNESSES THINKS LORIMER KNEW OF FRAUD

Excitement Within and Without Courthouse Marks Day's Proceedings.

Defendant Greatly Agitated During Testimony as to Poison Plot.

Heeling, W. Va., January 10.—Excitement within and without the courthouse marked the first day of taking testimony in the trial of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, charged with poisoning her husband.

Within the courtroom the almost irresponsible crowd of women spectators had to be constantly repressed by order by Judge Jordan, when starting fits of testimony caused a murmur that interfered with the proceedings, and without when the same crowd of spectators stamped in their efforts to crowd into the courtroom when the doors were open.

Twice to-day the police without the courthouse were carried before the onslaught of the women, at the opening of the building early in the morning, and again in the afternoon following recess. In the afternoon the rush into the building was so sudden that several women were knocked down and trampled upon, and one woman, Mrs. Amelle Kippen, was taken to the hospital, after the police had beat the crowd back.

The disorder within the courtroom started at the testimony of William Wolfe, who had traveled in Europe with John O. Schenk, the alleged poison victim. Wolfe testified to Schenk's good health during the European trip, and there were gasps from the spectators that brought sharp rebuke from the bench when the witness, in detailing a conversation with Mrs. Schenk, quoted her as saying: "Bilky, I don't think John will live long."

Mrs. Schenk made the declaration, according to Wolfe, after the return from Europe, when Schenk was stricken with his strange illness.

Symptoms of Lead Poisoning.

Dr. Gregory Ackerman was called and testified that Schenk was suffering with lead poisoning before he was brought into the case, and that he had been brought from a local hospital, after remaining there but a few days. He advised the patient while in the hospital, first, not to eat anything brought him from his home. Every symptom of lead poisoning was found in the blood tests, declared Dr. Ackerman, as well as all others made. The defense passed examination, pending further direct questions, and Dr. D. H. R. Best was called.

It was apparent at this point that the State was endeavoring to show that the two poisons had been administered to Schenk.

It was in the afternoon that the half-hysterical spectators were most severely reprimanded. It came when Dr. Hupp was testifying. Dr. Hupp it was who revealed the alleged poison plot, and who took Schenk from his home to the hospital. It was shown by his statements that Schenk was suffering from two poisons, acetate of lead and arsenic. The dramatic incident came when he said that on one visit to the Schenk home Mrs. Schenk said to him: "Perhaps I would be better satisfied if you would let him die."

The witness also told of blood tests he had made, of the analysis of mineral waters Schenk was using, and also of the analysis of the medicines he (Hupp) had prescribed. Several bottles he saw about the sick room aroused his suspicion because of a sediment in them, and it is in these he had analyzed. The analysis were not admitted to evidence at this time. This was the only stage of the day's proceedings at which Mrs. Schenk displayed any agitation. She dropped her head and grew pale as the allegation was made.

Mrs. Schenk was smiling as she entered the courtroom this morning, and to the salutations of her counsel she replied: "I'm feeling fine. I am particularly well pleased with the jury, and I am sure I will get justice."

Judge Jordan is very desirous of closing the case by Saturday night, and has intimated that it will be done, even if night sessions of court must be held.

BURKETT BILL PASSES
Requires Railroads to Use "Safe and Suitable" Boilers.

Washington, D. C., January 10.—Recessing to petitions from 60,000 locomotive operators, the Senate today passed the Burkett bill, requiring interstate railroads to equip their locomotives with "safe and suitable" boilers.

The bill requires complete inspection of all locomotives, and to this end provides for the appointment of a corps of fifty district inspectors, under the

ANOTHER GREAT FIRE VISITS CINCINNATI

Chamber of Commerce Building Destroyed, Entailing Loss of \$1,000,000—A Dozen Firemen Injured and Many Lives May Have Been Lost.

Cincinnati, O., January 10.—Entailing a loss of more than \$1,000,000, this city suffered its second great fire within three weeks, when the Chamber of Commerce building, at Fourth and Vine Streets, was destroyed to-night, adjacent property damaged, a dozen firemen injured and possibly lives lost.

While several firemen still are unaccounted for up to a late hour, reports of fatalities among firemen and spectators who were caught in the wreckage of the collapsed roof have not been confirmed.

Whether there are bodies still in the wreckage cannot be definitely ascertained to-night. It is known that they were a large number of employees at work when the fire started.

The Cincinnati Stock Exchange and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad offices, both of which contained records almost invaluable, were consumed in the conflagration.

Only the bare walls of what was Cincinnati's most magnificent architectural building remain. The building had a valuation of \$1,000,000, while the fixtures in the various offices were valued at \$50,000.

Stocks of several business houses

AMERICANS WILL TRAIN IN ATHENS

New York, January 10.—The New York Americans will train in Athens, Ga., next spring, after twenty-two of the regulars have spent a fortnight at Hot Springs, Va. It is planned to have these men report in Hot Springs on March 1, while eight young players will go direct to Athens on March 15, where they will be under the direction of Catcher Charles A. "Duke" Farrell. The exhibition games for the Highlanders prior to the opening of the season follow:

First team: March 27 and 28, Atlanta; March 29, Birmingham; March 30, Chattanooga; March 31, Nashville; April 1, 2 and 3, Cincinnati; April 4, Columbus; April 5 and 6, Indianapolis; April 8 and 9, Milwaukee; April 10, Scranton.

Second team: March 25, 27 and 28, Richmond; March 29, Newport News; March 30, 31 and April 1, Norfolk; April 2 and 3, Baltimore; April 5, Trenton; April 6 and 7, Jersey City; April 8, Princeton.

Longford Defeats Jennette.

Boston, Mass., January 10.—Sam Longford defeated Joe Jennette in a slashing bout of twelve rounds before the Armory A. A. to-night. Longford had a decisive lead in every round but one. In the first round he trapped Jennette for a count of eight.

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SUIT FOR \$6,000,000

Action Started in Chicago Court Against James A. Patten.

Chicago, Ill., January 10.—James A. Patten, retired millionaire grain broker, whose successful operations in the cotton market led recently to Federal grand jury indictments against him and associates, was sued for \$6,000,000 in the Superior Court to-day.

The plaintiff, Dr. Paul Burmaster, president of the Chicago Anti-Gambling League, does not claim to have been a participant or a loser in any of the operations with Mr. Patten, but brings suit under an Illinois statute whereby any person having knowledge of a gambling transaction may sue and recover to the amount of three times the total lost by the victims of gamblers.

The suit was suppressed for service to await the return of Mr. Patten from Hot Springs, Ark., and complete secrecy as to its nature was maintained by counsel for both sides of the action.

The master was inspired to bring the suit, he said, through a recently becoming acquainted with a retired broker who related to the physician the manner in which men win and lose money on the board of trade, chiefly through dealings in "futures."

Through a brokerage house in La Salle Street, Dr. Burmaster said, he has obtained the names of persons who dealt with Patten during the last two years, and through this list of transactions arrives at the total loss of \$2,000,000. The list is the foundation to the action begun to-day.

BRILLIANT AFFAIR

President Gives Reception to Diplomatic Corps at White House.

Washington, D. C., January 10.—The reception of the diplomatic corps at the White House to-night, the first of the four state receptions given by the President, was a brilliant affair.

The White House to-night was illuminated, both within and without, was the scene of a distinguished gathering of the representatives of almost every nation. Baron Hengelmaier von Hengstern, dean of the diplomatic corps, followed the line, which passed before President and Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Sherman and the wives of the Cabinet members. The ambassadors and ministers followed in the procession.

Following the diplomats came the Cabinet members, Chief Justice White, the associate justices of the Supreme Court, Senators and Representatives, and army and navy officers. The reception was a brilliant affair. The guests passed into the state dining room, where a buffet supper was served. A dance in the East Room followed, as was usual. The President and Mrs. Taft did not dance, but Mrs. Helen Taft was among the dancers, as was Secretary Cannon.

Neither the Secretary of War nor Mrs. Dickinson attended, because of the death recently of their son.

Celebrate Silver Jubilee.

Brother Charles, the director of St. Peter's School for Boys, will celebrate his silver jubilee in the Xavierian Order next Saturday. He was formerly connected with St. Xavier's College, Worcester, Mass. A number of his former pupils will join in an informal celebration of the anniversary.

ROBBERS SIMON HELP.

Take to Heels When Assistance Arrives for Wounded Policeman.

Minneapolis, Minn., January 10.—After shooting and painfully wounding Mounted Patrolman J. J. McGuire early to-day, three robbers fired their revolvers in the air and assistance arrived and they escaped.

McGuire came upon the men while they were working at the rear door of the grocery store of N. Beynon, and was about to cover them with his revolver, when he stepped on a board covered by snow and made a noise which alarmed the robbers. They flashed their light on the officer and fired a bullet, breaking the bones in his right arm.

McGuire dropped his pistol and, though suffering great pain, picked it up and fired wildly at his assailants. The pain then caused him to fall in a heap in the snow.

The robbers gathered around him and inquired if he was seriously hurt. "Not bad," replied McGuire.

The men then fired their revolvers in the air and when they saw two men running toward them they fled.

Meeting Postponed.

The annual meeting of the Regiment Association has been postponed from January 15 to January 21. This action was taken at a meeting of the executive committee held last night, in view of a meeting of Lee Camp and of other organizations on the evening of January 15. Seventy members are now enrolled, and a total of 200 is expected by the time the work of the promoters is complete.

INCREASE OF 70.8 PER CENT.

Figures of Mississippi's Cities Having Population in Excess of 5,000.

Washington, D. C., January 10.—Mississippi's cities having a population in excess of 5,000 showed an average rate of increase of 70.8 per cent. during the past decade. Statistics of the population of these cities, issued to-day by the Director of the Census, show they contributed 27.5 per cent. of the State's total increase in population of 245,841.

A gain of eight cities having over 5,000 people was made during the ten years, the twelfth census showing only seven, while the thirteenth shows fifteen. Of the five largest cities, Hattiesburg showed the greatest increase, the rate being 181.5 per cent. Jackson follows with 172 per cent. increase; Meridian, with 65.6 per cent., and Vicksburg, with 40.3 per cent., while Natchez, the fourth city in size, decreased 15, or 3.1 per cent., being the only city in Mississippi over 5,000 which showed a loss. The most remarkable growth was shown in Gulfport, which increased 502.3 per cent.

Meridian, which in 1900 held second place in the rank of Mississippi cities, moves into first place, Vicksburg, which held first place, was passed by both Meridian and Jackson, and assumes third place. Jackson moved from fourth to second place, and Natchez from third to fourth place.

Population statistics announced to-day included the following Mississippi cities:

City.	1911.	1900.
Greenville	9,610	7,642
Hattiesburg	11,723	4,175
Meridian	22,285	13,150
Natchez	11,791	7,920

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